

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of November 21, 2008 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

#### ***Regarding Amendment***

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit recitation of the feed rate and to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 8;  
dependent claim 8 is cancelled; and  
dependent claim 9 is unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.

#### ***Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections***

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claim 9 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Koike in view of Silverbrook and Murakami, because contrary to the Examiner's contentions, Koike is specifically directed to an image recording apparatus in which images on photographic film are transferred to laminated recording media (see paragraphs [0036] and [0037]), and neither Silverbrook nor Murakami provide any disclosure which would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to produce a digital photofinishing system which receives digital images for printing, as recited in the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

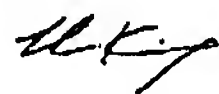
Very respectfully,

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